(d) The expenditure incurred by Delhi Police on the security of the protectees during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Expenditure
1994-95	Rs. 18.42 Crores
1995-96	Rs. 19.11 Crores
1996-97	Rs. 18.65 Crores

(e) As of March 1997 Security is being provided to 467 protectees in Delhi.

(f) and (g) The need for security and scale of security arrangemnts are reviewed periodically. This is a continuing exercise. The security arrangements are modified/ withdrawn as warranted from time to time.

Harassment of Villagers

4719. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Villages on Border Allege Harassment by BSF Jawans" appearing in the *Indian Express* dated January 28, 1997; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the policy, the farmers are generally allowed to visit their fields beyond the fence regularly to enable them to work from dusk to dawn. However, during winter, due to poor visibility in the morning and early evening, the working hourse become a bitless. They are, however, allowed to use agricultural implements including tractors etc. Keeping in view the national security the Distrit Administration have imposed restrictions on movement during night.

To sort out the problems of the border villages and for developing better relations between border population and BSF troops, Village Coordination Committees comprising of BSF personnel, Panchayat members and headmen etc. have been constituted and the meetings are being held on regular basis to solve the day to day problems.

Amendment in IPC and Cr.P.C.

4720. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK :
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN :
KUNWAR SARVARAJ SINGH :
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI :
SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to amend certain provisions of the Cr.P.C. & I.P.C.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the latest progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994, which proposes to amend various provisions of Cr.P.C. and IPC was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 9th May, 1994. The Bill was subsequently referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs which considered the Bill and submitted its report.

[Translation]

Funds for Development of North Eastern States

4721. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds provided for the development of the North-Eastern States, State-wise; and

(b) the time by which the projects of Meghalaya pending with various Ministries of the Union Government are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[English]

Declaration of Tiger Reserve as National Park

4722. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare forests comprising, Tialigaon, North and South Rajabhatkhawa, Jainti, Panbari and Chokks forests under Buxar Tiger Reserve as a National Park;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the cost thereof; and

(c) the estimated number of tigers and other big cats in this Reserve at present and the comparative wild life population there as per last three censuses?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to declare reserve forests areas of Tashigaon, North and South Rajabhatkhawa, Jainti, Panbari and

Chacko blocks, which are already a part of sanctuary, into a National Park.

(b) No cost is involved in the proposal since it is only a change in legal status of these forests under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

(c) As per the information provided by the State Government, a statement is enclosed. However, ±10% variation in the estimated population is always possible since track census is done for the other wild species.

Statement

S.No.	Name of the Species	1989	1993	1994	1995	1996
1.	Tiger	33	29	-	31	-
2.	Leopards	-	63	-	70	-
3.	Elephants	-	85	86	-	-
4.	Gaur	-	-	192	335	360
5.	Barking Deer	-	-	978	955	1000
6.	Hog Deer	-	-	157	120	200
7.	Spotted Deer	-	-	498	515	575
8.	Sambhar	-	-	108	80	100
9.	Mangoose	-	-	142	320	350
10.	Porcupine	-	-	14	35	50
11.	Wild Boar	-	-	2719	2700	3000
12.	Monkeys	-	-	12581	22250	24000
13.	Peacocks	-	-	1975	2600	2800
14.	Jungle Fowls	-	-	2056	5650	6000

National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

4723. SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the proposal for commissioning of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) and National Drug Authority (NDA);

(b) if so the details thereof; and

(c) the criteria fixed for the appointment of Chairman and other members of these agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986, announced in September, 1984 provide for setting up of an Independent body of experts called National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority to do the work of price fixation of drugs. There is also a provision for setting up a National Drug Authority which will inter-alia, define standards, enforce quality and monitor prescribing practices. The criteria for appointment of various functionaries in NPPA/NDA will differ from posts to posts.

Water Quality Monitoring Programme

4724. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Wild Fund for Nature has launched a country-wide Water Quality Monitoring Programme termed "River Watch" in India to sensitise people about the deteriorating water quality in different rivers of the country and also to invite participation of school students in creating awareness; and

(b) if so, the main features and objectives of this programme and the extent of which it has been successful?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The 'River Watch" is a participatory environmental education programme initiated in November, 1996 to enlighten the community about the deteriorating water quality of the rivers. Under phase-I of this programme, 100 km stretch of river Yamuna has been chosen for water quality monitoring since the river is threatened by various sources of pollution.

Objective: The programme is aimed at involving schools, and the community for improving the water quality of the rivers.

Main features of the Programme

Ten schools in and around Delhi have been selected to participate in the programme which involves:

- Identification of river stretches for study;

- Holding training workshops for using the water pollution monitoring kit developed by WWF;

- Processing of data;

- Dissemination of information through media.

The phase I of the programme is yet to be completed for assessment of the success of the programme.